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FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6266

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - BILATERAL CHARTER TALKS

REF: (A) STATE 026037; (B) BONN 01481

1. FONOFF OFFICIAL KRONECK TOLD US FEBRUARY 04 THAT PRESENT TRANSPORT MINISTRY (FMT) NEGOTIATING SCHEDULE MAKES IT VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR FRG TO UNDERTAKE SIMULTANEOUS CHARTER AND TRUCKING TALKS IN WASHINGTON. AS SUGGESTED IN REF B PROBLEM STEMS FROM THE NEED TO MUSTER SEPARATE FRG DELEGATIONS FOR EACH SUBJECT.

2. ACCORDING TO KRONECK, PAAS (DIVISION CHIEF FOR SCHEDULED SERVICES AND RATES) AND STAFF WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR TALKS RE TRUCKING ISSUE IN WASHINGTON BEFORE MAY. THEY WOULD, HOWEVER, BE FREE DURING WEEKS BEGINNING MARCH 22 OR 29 IF TALKS COULD BE HELD AT BONN. KRONECK ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE FRG WILL NOT, REPEAT NOT, WISH TO BRING UP QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL LUFTHANSA LANDING RIGHTS DURING TRUCKING TALKS (SEE PARA. (3) REFTEL B.

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3. WITH RESPECT TO CHARTER TALKS, FRG DELEGATION

HEADED BY NIESTER WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR CON-
SULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON DURING THE PERIOD MARCH
24, 25 AND 26. SINCE DATES WITH THE HAGUE DURING
THIS WEEK HAVE NOT BEEN FIRMED UP (PARA. (1)
REFTEL A), THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS DEPT TAKE THESE
DATES INTO CONSIDERATION.

4. COMMENT: GERMAN DECISION NOT TO PURSUE
EXPANDED LUFTHANSA LANDING RIGHTS ELIMINATES OUR
PRINCIPAL LEVERAGE FOR INDUCING GERMANS TO
ATTEMPT TO ALTER THEIR PRESENT COMMITMENTS
IN FAVOR OF HOLDING TRUCKING TALKS IN WASHINGTON.
GIVEN RIGID DIVISION OF FUNCTIONS WITHIN FMT,
WE SEE NO CHANCE OF CONVINCING GERMANS THAT
NIESTER SHOULD ALSO HANDLE TRUCKING PROBLEM
WHEN IN US FOR CHARTER TALKS.
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